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Sir:

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In response to the Final Official Action mailed May 5, 2006,
reconsideration is respectfully solicited based on the following remarks.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 (pages 2-5).

Remarks begin on page 6 (pages 6-11).